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between 8 and 18 are admitted and pupils in between the age of 8 and 18 cannot be treated on a par with the adults who were attending these adult night schools? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is why I explained in detail saying that it is better to prevent adult illiteracy rather than attempt to tackle adult illiteracy after creating it. Therefore, we want to see that people become literate before the age of 18."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" As the huge amount spent upon adult literacy is a criminal waste as it is spent upon a dying generation, will the Government drop the entire policy of trying to give literacy to the adults and thus save that money and concentrate only upon elementary education? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is the policy which is being adopted now. Now, the age-group between 8 to 18 is tackled. I do not think that can be called a dying generation as at that rate every generation is a dying generation."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" எட்டு வயதிலிருந்து 18 வயதிலிருக்கக்கூடிய வாலிபர்களுக்கு படிப்பு சொல்லிக்கொடுப்பதைப்பற்றி ஆட்சேபணை கிடையாது. ஆனால் வயது வந்தவர்களும்கூட சுதந்திரம் அடைந்த பிறகு உலக விவகாரங்களை அறிந்துகொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று ஆவல்படுகிறார்கள். அப்படி ஆர்வமுள்ளவர்களுக்கு கல்வி புகட்ட இந்த இரவுப் பள்ளிகளை தொடர்ந்து நடத்த ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The question of conducting adult schools is quite different from making the adults literate. As a matter of fact, in social education audio-visual education is being provided for and other forms of educating them are being adopted."

Fund for tuberculosis patients

* 1808 *Q*.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government maintain any Fund to help T.B. patients being given home treatment;

(*b*) if so, the conditions under which such help is given and

(*c*) the nature and extent of such help?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. The Government have constituted a fund called the Bhavanagar Kshayarog Fund from out of the sum of rupees one lakh donated by the ex-Governor His Highness the Maharaja of Bhavanagar.

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" (b) & (c) A copy [a] of the Press note embodying the conditions for the grant of financial assistance to indigent T.B. patient from the Bhavanagar Kshayarog Fund is placed on the table of the House."

Exemption of Jaggery Co-operative Societies from sales tax

* 1809 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" As jaggery manufacturing co-operative societies have been exempted from sales tax now, I am not putting my question, Sir."

Major and minor panchayats

* 1810 Q.—Sri A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) how many major and minor panchayats are working in this State; and

(b) how many new panchayats are proposed to be constituted?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) The old classification of panchayats as 'major' and 'minor' has been replaced by Class I and Class II in accordance with section 5 of the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950. On 1st January 1955 there were 294 Class I panchayats and 4,909 Class II panchayats.

" (b) It is estimated that about 600 new panchayats will be constituted by the end of March 1955."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Whereas the question of constituting no panchayats is engaging the attention of the Government for a long time, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that due representation was made by the people living in Avadi that that area has not been constituted into a panchayat, even though the population in that area is more than 5,000?"

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The question of Avadi Panchayat also will be considered as 600 new panchayats are proposed to be constituted."

* 1811 Q.—Sri K. MOIDU :—" I do not want to put my question."

Control of leprosy

* 1812 Q.—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the amount spent by the Government for extending the leprosy control scheme in the State in the year 1953–54;

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